

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF CASTES IN ST LIST

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

:

(a) the number of castes and sub-castes have been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes so far, State-wise; and

(b) the criteria fixed to include new castes in the list ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) A statement showing the Statewise number of communities and their synonyms included in the list of scheduled tribes in enclosed.

(b) The criteria followed for specification of a community as a Scheduled Tribe are :

(i) Indications of primitive traits,

(ii) Distinctive culture,

(iii) Geographical isolation,

(iv) Shyness of contact with the community at large, and

(v) Backwardness.